

Melrose Oct. 15, 1871

Dear Mr May

Your letter of the
12th inst is before me. The
answer to most of your ques-
tions you will find in the
Sewall Pedigree a copy
of which I enclose. The
sixth question I believe is
the only one not fully an-
swered by the Pedigree.
You notice in the Pedigree
Stephen Sewall (a ^[nephew? S.M.] Cousin of
Ch. J. Samuel) who was also
Ch. J. of the Sup. C. of Mass in
the last century: also David
Sewall who was for many years
Judge of the U. S. District Court of

of Maine. Indeed the Pedigree seems
to answer your 6th question as
well as first five. One of
the same Serrall family was
Ch Justice in Canada. This
also appears on the pedigree,
except that he is only said to have
been judge.

Keep the pedigree as
long as you need it. But
I must beg you ultimately
to return it.

Very truly yours

J E Serrall

I hope the memoir you are
preparing of J J May
will be long enough to give
a full account of his life

and character, and yet not so
long as to restrict the sale of
a book which ought to be wide-
ly circulated. It cannot fail
to have the best influence
wherever it goes.

Samuel Joseph May

His Father, Joseph May { b. March 25. 1760.
d. Feb. 27. 1841.
" Mother, Dorothy Sewall { b. Dec. 23. 1758.
d. Oct. 31. 1825.

His Gr. father, Samuel Sewall { b. May 2. 1715. H.C.
(Sewall) d. Jan. 19. 1771. Deacon

" Gr. Mother, Elizabeth Quincy { b. May 18. 1749 - date of mar.
d. Feb. 15. 1770. "aged 40.

[Dorothy (Sewall) May had a brother Samuel, of Marblehead, 1
was b. 11 Dec. 1757 + H.C. 1776 + d. 8 June 1814. Chief Justice, June 18

His Grt. gr. father - Rev. Dr. Joseph Sewall { b. 15 Aug. 1688
(minister of old South Church) { H.C. 1707
d. 27 June, 1769.

His Grt. Grt. gr. father, Samuel Sewall, was the Chief Ju
b. in England, 28 March 1652 } H.C. { of Mass. 1718-28
d. " Boston, 1 Jan. 1730 } 1671. { had participated in some
condemnations for witch
(1692-3); but afterwards set
the wrong & asp. public paid
man & God.

The Chief Justice's father was Henry Sewall, b. at Coventry, Eng.

" " " Gr. father " Henry Sewall { d. " Newbury, Ms., 16
bapt. Coventry, 8 April 1576.
died, Rowley, Mass. 1657.

" " " Grt. gr. father " Henry Sewall, Mayor of Coventry, Eng.
died 1628 - ab. 84

Samuel Joseph May,

b. Sept. 12. 1797. d. July 1. 1871.